

# **FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

**January 13, 2014**

## **A. CALL TO ORDER:**

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Ford County Board Room of the Ford County Jail in Paxton on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Rick Bowen.

## **B. ROLL CALL:**

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Pat Haskins, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Bowen.

## **C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

## **D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:**

Floyd Otto

## **E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Haskins moved that the December 9, 2013 board minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Voice vote - carried

## **F. COMMUNICATIONS:**

## **G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Ann Ihrke handed out information to the board members in regard to some of the concerns with the wind farms. She told the board to be sure to read the letter from Supt. Mulvaney. Also included was the Iroquois County wind farm ordinance. She asked the board to consider revising the Ford County Wind Farm Ordinance.

## **H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Otto moved to accept the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, Sheriff, Zoning and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## **I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:**

Cassy Taylor presented her report. She has an intern working with the department that is of no cost to the county. Her name is Donna Howe.

## **J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Mrs. Evans presented her report. She said that this month has been very stressful. The substitute judges have been very nice to work with. She moved back into her office. She said that she has lost a lot of space.

## **K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The county has a balance of \$643,773.09 as of December 31, 2013.

Mr. Berger moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to place them on file. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## **L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:**

Sheriff Doran informed everyone that the workers will be redoing the front entrance of the court house tomorrow.

## **M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Bowen informed the Board that he has been very involved with the Public Health Department. He has sat in on employee interviews, has been involved with the splitting of real estate and personal property. An eight member board will be appointed this week to help organize the new health department.

## **N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. Environment**

### **2. Finance**

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills.**

Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous  
(Mr. Hastings abstained from the Treasurers bills)

### **3. Highway**

Mr. Otto moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills.** Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – 11 yeas; 1 abstention;  
(Mr. May abstained)

### **4. Insurance/Personnel**

### **5. Overview/Legislation.**

### **6. Sheriff**

Mrs. Haskins moved to **approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills.** Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins moved to **adopt (the contracts for County Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Melvin, the Village of Elliott, the Village of Piper City and the Village of Sibley and also to approve the contracts for County alarm system Services with First National Bank Plaza, First National Bank of Paxton, F-M Bank of Melvin and the F-M Bank of Paxton).**

Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

### **7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Berger moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

## **O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Mobile Region 8
2. Union Affairs
3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority
4. 708 Board  
Will meet this Thursday
5. WIA
6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health  
Will meet next Monday night.
7. Regional Office of Education

Doran/Lindgren  
Haskins/Bowen/Stagen  
Stagen/Berger  
Mr. Berger

Bowen/Hastings  
Mrs. Stagen

Bowen/Stagen

8. ECIEDD  
It is questionable if this organization will continue.
9. 9-1-1  
Rescheduled for this Wednesday evening.
10. Zoning
11. CIRMA  
Will meet this Thursday at noon.
12. Extension  
Meeting was cancelled
13. E.M.A.

Mr. Ferguson  
Mr. Johnson  
Mr. Johnson  
Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn  
Johnson/Hastings  
Mr. Higgins

**P. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Q. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Berger moved to allow Chairman Bowen to **appoint the eight member board for the organization of the new Public Health Department.** Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

**R. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**S. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:40 P.M.

**T. PROCLAMATION**

Sheriff Doran

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_